

REMARKS

Claims 12 and 13 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 4-11 and 14-26 have been cancelled without prejudice. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 12 and 13 are allowed. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 14-26 were rejected in view of various prior art. Without conceding the propriety of the rejections, claims 1, 2, 4-11 and 14-26 have been cancelled without prejudice, rendering the rejections moot.

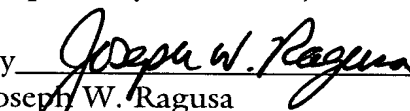
Entry of this amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 since it merely cancels all rejected claims to place the case in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendment and remarks, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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